



## MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2015

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Margaret M. Hall, Planner II  
Andy Gunning, Assistant Director, CPDS

SUBJECT: Street Name Change - Renaissance Street

### History:

At the Planning Commission meeting of June, 2015, the Commission evaluated changing the name of Renaissance Street but did not find the presented options acceptable. Instructions were given – directed at staff and the applicant - to come back to the Planning Commission meeting on August 5, 2015 with more input into an acceptable street name

The instructions also included a suggestion that the Planning Division solicit street names through social media. A request was placed on the City's website and was subsequently included in the "Local Living" section of the Washington Post. The nomination for each potential street name was requested to include an explanation for the proposed street name. Staff has eliminated all duplications and/or possibly confusing names from the list as well as those that are considered too long (over 13 characters). Each proposed street name on the list includes the advocate's reasoning for the nomination.

Based on the number of nominations received, staff recommends the following names for consideration, although the Commission may choose another acceptable name from the list.

1. Randy Caruso Lane/Road/Street
2. Hometown Lane
3. Peerless Avenue/Way/Place
4. City Center Way or Lane
5. Zelda Lane/Road/Street/Way

A street named in honor of Randy Caruso received the most nominations. Second in number of nominations was for street named after Robert E. Peary. Staff does not recommend Admiral Peary as a viable street name because the closed high school was not located within the City of Rockville. Naming the street in honor of F. Scott Fitzgerald was also very popular but was deemed to be

unacceptable based on duplication, the name including more than two words and because it contained too many characters. Therefore Zelda is being offered as an alternative recommendation.

Due to time constraints, the list has not been evaluated by County staff. Action may be taken to approve a street name but staff suggests that the motion include a caveat that the name be acceptable to the County.

#### Exhibits

1. Plat establishing Renaissance Street
2. Possibly Acceptable Street Names List



## B. Mikulski Street – Senator Mikulski

B. Mikulski St.   Javiera I. Alarcon

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I think the street at Rockville Town Center should be named for Senator Barbara Mikulski. She has served the people of Rockville well, in Congress longer than any other woman in history, and deserves to be recognized.

Nancy Goldberg

## Band Avenue

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**Americana Ave** - <http://www.peerlessrockville.org/historic-rockville/peerless-places-2/841-2/>  
John Czarapata

## Barack Obama Ave/Place...

Today's Washington Post indicates you are seeking public input for naming a new street being built in the Rockville Town Center.

I recommend honoring our 44th President by naming the street Barack Obama (Ave., Pl., etc.). Currently there is no such street designation in the state of Maryland, based on a Google Maps search.

Respectfully, David O'Connor

Note: [Is there a sitting president issue?](#)

## Begosh Way/Lane/Drive

I propose the street to be named Begosh Way, Lane,  
> Drive. Or even Memory.  
>  
> Thanks,  
> Dave C.

Or even Marty Begosh Lane.

Note: Martin John Begosh was killed in action in Vietnam and later, his nephew with the same name, was the first soldier wounded in the NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Bosnia known as Operation Joint Endeavor. Both were from Rockville.

## Beth Kilgore Way

The Washington Post's "Local Living" supplement (July 23, page 18) asks for help naming a new street in the Rockville Town Center.

I suggest the name BETH KILGORE WAY.

Within the Town Center is the Rockville Library, which has the office of the Literacy Council of Montgomery County. Beth Kilgore founded the Literacy Council. Naming a street after her recognizes her work to assist adult literacy and building skills for life. Many persons now living and working in Montgomery County have benefited from LCMC's programs, and those persons have also made valuable contributions to the county using the skills gained in those programs. Naming a street after Beth Kilgore would be an excellent way to pay tribute for her valuable work establishing the Literacy Council of Montgomery County.

Thank you for considering this suggested street name.

Regards,

Myron Chace

## Block Street

I am writing to suggest a name for the street that cuts in front of the new Cambria Suites Hotel, from East Montgomery Avenue in front of Regal Cinemas down to Middle Lane.

Since the information stated in Rockville News said that it is a “one-block street”, if there is not already a street in Rockville called “block street”, then my suggestion for the name of the street would be “BLOCK” street.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Susan Merewitz  
Rockville Library

## Broadway

Hello,

I have two suggestions. The one I like the most is “West End”. The reason I think this would be a fun and good name is because I feel like it fits the area and in a quirky way is out of place at the same time. It’s on the east side of Rockville, connecting E Montgomery and E Middle. Yet the West End is an area in London much like our town center only on a larger and more grand scale. It is particularly known as a place of many theaters. I also thought that would be fitting since this street goes even further in connecting the theater to the actual town square area.

The second suggestion is “Broadway” for obvious reasons. This is again a reference to the theater in the area that the street, I think, will be right in front of.

Thank you for your consideration. By the way, I think the ‘Name that Street’ thing is a great idea and a great way to involve the community. I actually found it on Facebook. Good job. Have a great day!

Joe Lusk | Pastor

## Campton Lane

Hello,

I would like to suggest "Campton Lane" as a name for the street.....as that street houses Cambria ('Cam') and The Upton apartments ('pton').

Regards,  
Parvati Das.

## Camrock

My mom's suggestion (she is computer challenged) is Camrock Ave. Her inspiration for this choice: I have lived in the Wheaton/Silver Spring/Rockville area for many, many years. During

those years, I have happily watched the growth of Rockville. I feel the new hotel, which will bring additional revenue to the area and the shout out to Rockville, along with the partial name of the hotel, is a nice touch.

Her information Faye Foote

## Cat Avenue

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Hope you enjoy this list. Please let us know what name is finally decided so we can inform our little ones. They are looking forward and will surely ask me.

Thanks.

Kiran Philip

Director Extended Day & Summer Camps

Christ Episcopal School

Existing Catalina, Catalpa, Catamount, Catawba, and Catawba Manor.

## Centerock

### CENTEROCK

This captures the old in Rock on which Rockville was founded and the new center of downtown Rockville. Its important that both be captured in the name. Its simple and easy to remember and conveys the place where one is.

Thank you. Ilana Cohen

## Center Point Lane

I understand from an article I read that you are seeking a name for the one block street connecting E. Montgomery with E. Middle Lane – by the new Cambria Suites Hotel.

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Rock Center Lane

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Half Street (ok to use Street for this)

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Center Square Lane

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## Cesar Chavez

I recommend Cesar Chavez Way. With Montgomery County's growing Hispanic population it is time to honor Hispanic leaders.

Jane Fry

## Chris Kyle Avenue

I would like to recommend the name be CHRIS KYLE AVE. IN HONOR OF OUR GREATEST AMERICAN SNIPER.

Respectfully, Bill Ormsby

## Cinema Street

Cinema Street? Nickelodeon Street?

Historical context: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickelodeon\\_\(movie\\_theater\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickelodeon_(movie_theater))

Failing that - how about 'Cinema Street?' Because, well – the movie theaters are just up the street.

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## Claude Vess Way

Claude Vess Way would be fitting for the new street name. "Claude Vess" is under thirteen spaces and is unique.

The late Mr. Vess was a longtime Rockville CPA deeply involved in downtown Rockville. His career spanned the old Rockville (he managed the hardware store), the urban renewal Rockville, and the Town Center Rockville. He was instrumental in building 411 Hungerford, where he had an office until his death in 2009. His practice often involved straightening out the affairs of Rockville businesses: local judges saw him as a capable CPA who considered such service a civic duty and did not charge what he could have. He advised many Rockville businesses and made them successful. He did the accounting for the Rockville cemetery and also kept it presentable on a volunteer basis.

Naming the street after Claude Vess would be a symbolic acknowledgement of the importance of the business community to Rockville over the past few decades as well as honoring a professional who integrated his practice with a strong sense of civic duty.

Jon Oberg

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## Collaboration Drive

Two ideas, both motivated by proximity to the increasingly chaotic courthouses:

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2. Collaboration Dr.

(Collaborative law is an increasingly popular form of practice, fyi.)

Good luck with this little street!

Regards,

Elinor Walker

## Community

## Corcoran Way

Peerless Rockville submitted these name nominations directly to Choice Hotel, but do not believe they were forwarded to the City. Please find our historical suggestions below.

best,  
Miriam

Miriam Bunow, Ph.D  
Peerless Rockville  
Education & Outreach Manager

### Corcoran Way

From 1878, the Corcoran Hotel served visitors to Rockville at 224 E. Montgomery Avenue, quite near to present day Rockville Town Center. In the past as in the present, attorneys and others drawn to Rockville by court business needed a place to stay. The hotel also attracted visitors to the fun events at the Agricultural Fairgrounds, where Richard Montgomery High School now stands. Corcoran Hotel featured two parlors, a pavilion, a bar, and a pool room. It was a focal point for social gatherings in the city, with dances held in the pavilion. Unfortunately, by the '60s, it had been converted to a row of stores and shops with a false façade, and was demolished during urban renewal. While modern day hotel guests have no need for to hire the horses and buggies once offered by the Corcoran Hotel stables, the name Corcoran connects the present to the past, and serves as a reminder that Rockville has long been a welcoming destination.

(Postcard of the Corcoran Hotel, c. 1910s, part of Peerless Rockville's collections.)



## County Seat

The name should be County Seat --Rockville as the County Seat

Thank you, Tim Hannan

## Crutchfield

## Daleys Tavern Road

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John Czarapata

Existing Daley Street.

## Henry Darnell Lane

Henry Darnell patented the first tract of land in what was to become Montgomery County

Henry Darnell Lane is possibly acceptable but there are 2 Darnell Drives and a Darnell Court in the County.

## Diversity Street

Good evening:

I thought maybe Diversity st. Would be a good name. It represents what Rockville is about. I love how this city has so many cultures and everyone loves go learn of one another. Thanks!  
Maria Sarceno

## Electric Car Street/Drive

I think it's so cool that you're doing this. I promised my 5 year old I would submit his, and added a few others to boot ; )

1. Electric Car St/Dr
2. Electric St. (future oriented, hopefully we're stay ahead of the curve on being green.
3. Gibby Rd/St. (being like Gibb - the other street we have; or Gibbish if you like in case it's too close)
4. Tricreek Rd/St (since we are located between 3 major creeks)

Good luck and thanks for considering these.

Best,

Shahab Kaviani

## Felsdorf Lane/Road/Street Gesteindorf Lane/Road/Street

Hi. Here's some ideas for the new street name needed in Rockville Town Center.

#1&2:

Since Pinneberg, Germany is the sister city of Rockville, here's two names both intended to mean "rock & ville/village" in German.

Felsdorf Lane/Rd/St, etc.

Gesteindorf Lane/Rd/St, etc.

#3: Three Creek Lane/Rd/St, etc.

Explanation from the Rockville Wikipedia page...Situating in the [Piedmont](#) region and crossed by three creeks ([Rock Creek](#), [Cabin John Creek](#), and [Watts Branch](#)).

Terri Ziskind

## Fulton Drive

Hello-

I propose the new street be named "Vision Walk" or "Vision Walk Way"

The street - which links the 'old' Rockville strip of the Regal Cinema and restaurants, passes by the new hotel and proceeds to Rockville Town Square. The street not only connects the old and the new, but it fulfills the vision of a transformed downtown Rockville. As I believe that this stretch should and will be heavily pedestrian, I added "walk" I prefer the name "Vision Walk" because feel it conveys a significance to the small avenue, however, if "walk" is too confusing because it will be open to vehicle traffic, then "Vision Walk Way" will suffice.

My second choice for street name is "Fulton Drive" because I am shameless.

Thanks  
Eric Fulton

## Galileo Drive

## Genesis

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## Great Gatsby Way

After some discussion with my wife and kids, we are recommending "Great Gatsby Way." There are a number of reasons-

1. The obvious connection between F. Scott Fitzgerald and the city (FSF being buried in St. Mary's Cemetery)



2. Fitzgerald's most popular book was "The Great Gatsby." The street name would invoke the grandeur and sophistication of the 1920s. Since the street would be the focus of Rockville night life, the street name would be well suited.

3. Finally, students in MCPS read "The Great Gatsby." My daughter who is a student at Rockville HS was assigned the book in 10th grade. Naming the street after the book (and the book's protagonist) would also emphasize the literary value of the book and the importance of reading great literature.

We are Rockville residents.

David J. Smith

From the wiki page about Rockville [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockville,\\_Maryland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockville,_Maryland)

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## Hebron

## Hometown Lane/Road

My nomination for the unnamed street is Hometown Lane, in honor of all the wonderful Rockville Hometown Holidays festivals that have taken place on and near the site. I'm sure many Rockville residents, past and current, have great memories of the celebrations like I do. Also, it captures the idea of the historic hometown that Rockville has been for so many residents, and the evolving 21st century "hometown" that is being created.

Thanks for your consideration.

Patty Cooper

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John Czarapata

## Hospitality Way/Plaza

## Hovsepien

After 2 former Mayors.

## Hungerford Tavern Lane

Note: The exact location of Hungerford's Tavern has not been determined. There is a marker on the property located on the corner of South Washington Street and East Jefferson Street that marks what may have been the location of the tavern. The marker reads:

Hungerford Tavern Site

June 11, 1774

On above date aroused Patriots resolved that every lawful means be used to procure relief from oppressions of the English Parliament and that the most effectual way to secure American

Freedom would be to break off all commerce with Great Britain. Henry Griffith was moderator of this historic meeting. The following committee was appointed to attend a general meeting.

Henry Griffith  
Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton  
Nathan Magruder  
Evan Thomas  
Richard Brooke

Richard Thomas  
Zadok Magruder  
Dr. William Baker  
Thomas Cramphin, Jr.  
Allen Bowie

By this bold act, these men “pledge their loves, their fortunes and their sacred honor”, and anticipated by two years, the Declaration of Independence.

September 6, 1776

On this day an act of the General Assembly Montgomery County, was established in accordance with a resolution, which had been adopted in this building, and here also on May 20, 1777 the first county court met.

This marker placed December 6, 1954  
In celebration of the county’s one hundred and seventy fifth anniversary  
By  
The Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc.  
Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson, President

Existing Hungerford Drive in Rockville.

## Lilith Lane

The following are name suggestions for the new street in Town Center from me and my husband, John:

Lilith Lane (with a link to the 1950's movie about Chestnut Lodge)

Oxley Avenue (after the prominent John Oxley family who owned the Oxley Building where Americana complex now sits)

Milo Lane (named after the old Rockville downtown movie theater---now will lead to the Regal)

Good luck!!

Best,  
Jane

## Little Lane

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## Lois Lane

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Everyone loves a good allusion!

## McGuckian Way

I would like to propose that the road currently named Renaissance Street, be renamed “McGuckian Way” to honor my mother and long-time Rockville historic preservationist Eileen McGuckian. I believe that my mother had more impact on preserving the history and historic buildings and open space in the Town Center than any other person, and it would be fitting for that little street to be named in her honor. Her tireless work over the past 40+ years was largely a labor of love, and it was she who maneuvered Peerless

Rockville into the position it currently fills. The Town Center is certainly a much better place for her contributions and those of Peerless generally.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Rachel

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(Collaborative law is an increasingly popular form of practice, fyi.)

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Regards,

Elinor Walker

## Millennial Lane

How about Millennial Lane? Ann English

## Mini Lane

Mini Lane Nancy Kaplan

## Moco Way

Here are a couple of suggestions for street names:

1. West Pike Place
2. Regal Road
3. Moco Way

Jill Flax

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My street name is suggestion is: MOCO way. Short for Montgomery county and is reflective of our current txt abbreviation era :). Ty vm and hope that our generation can be represented for the rest of time. - Hatifa

## Mullican Road

Greetings,  
I have a few suggestions for the name of the new street.

Fayette St., which was once in that approximate location.  
Madison St, for the same reason  
Perry Street, which was where Maryland Ave now resides.  
Peerless Way, in honor of preservation.  
Milo Rd., a tribute to the former theater.  
Sprigg St, for Thomas Sprigg Wootton  
Commerce La, which once ran approximately where East Montgomer Ave sits.  
Mullican Rd, named for the owner of property in that area.

I hope you will consider some of these names  
Cheers,  
Dean Evangelista

## Myrna

MYRNA, longtime City resident and charitable person

Thank you, Tim Hannan

## Navonna Avenue

Hi. I received a message about citizen suggestions for the street name for a new street in Town Center. Because Town Center reminds me of an Italian piazza, I suggest Venezia Ave or Navonna Ave (after the famous piazza in Rome). Have fun choosing! Jeff V.

## Neal Potter Way

I'd like to propose the name for the new street from E. Montgomery Ave to Middle Lane in Rockville.

"Neal Potter Way"

Neal Potter was on the Montgomery County Council from '70 to '86 and then he came back into public office as the 4th County Executive in '90-'94. He then returned to the County Council until '98. He grew up in Montgomery County (his family farm is still partly in it's original location), he loved the County & he took a pragmatic approach

towards growth and development. Neal Potter was a true Country Gentleman who spent many years working in downtown Rockville. In part this is why I selected the suffix **Way** as opposed to a more urban sounding suffix such as Blvd, St, Rd, etc...

This would be a fitting tribute to a dedicated public servant.

There is a Potter Ln, however my proposed road name is different enough, with the street name starting with Neal and ending with Way. This would eliminate the possibility of confusion. Also, there are only a dozen homes on Potter Ln which is fully built out, so there should be no conflict between Potter Ln and **Neal Potter Way**.

Thanks for your consideration,

Barry Schenberg

## Neighbor's Place

In honor of the neighborhood feel of the City.

## Nessies Lane

My name is Brian Kilner, and I am a 17 year old resident of the City of Rockville. I have lived here in Rockville my whole life, and my suggestion for the street name is Nessies Lane.

Nessie is a nickname for the famed Loch Ness Monster, and the reason it is so important to me is that it is the nickname of my summer swim team, Inverness Forest. The Inverness Forest pool is lifeblood for me during the summer, as I lifeguard, coach, and swim for them. However, the name is relevant to Rockville as swimming for Inverness has taken me to all corners of Rockville for swim meets, areas of Rockville I otherwise would not have gone to (Rockville, Twinbrook, Manor Woods, Rockshire, etc). Thus, I see it fitting to put Nessies Lane in the center of Rockville, as the pool has shown me every corner of Rockville.

Thank you  
Brian Kilner

## Nickelodeon Street

Nickelodeon Street?’

Historical context: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickelodeon\\_\(movie\\_theater\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickelodeon_(movie_theater))

Failing that - how about ‘Cinema Street?’ Because, well – the movie theaters are just up the street.



## Others Way, Terrace, Crossing or Lane

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Rock Center Lane

Center Point Lane

City Crossing Lane

Pin Point Lane

Half Street (ok to use Street for this)

Little Lane

Center Square Lane

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute these suggestions.

Will look forward to the final decision.

*Sandra L. Brecher*

Chief, Commuter Services Section

Montgomery County Department of Transportation

## Oxley Avenue

The following are name suggestions for the new street in Town Center from me and my husband, John:

Lilith Lane (with a link to the 1950's movie about Chestnut Lodge)

Oxley Avenue (after the prominent John Oxley family who owned the Oxley Building where Americana complex now sits)

Milo Lane (named after the old Rockville downtown movie theater---now will lead to the Regal)

Good luck!!

Best,  
Jane

# Admiral Peary

Peary Way for Robert E Peary Mike O'Neil

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I went to and graduated from Robert E. Peary high school in 1966 and just read your story. I also was a former journalist who wrote for the Washington Post and Baltimore Evening Sun, covering sports, during the 1970s before moving to Chicago to join the Chicago Cubs baseball team as its PR director in 1981.

Our school had the motto, "I will find a way or make one." So **Peary Way** fits nicely and ties into that theme, I believe.

Thank you, best regards, Bob Ibach

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I would like to suggest a name for the new street in Rockville, Md.

It should be named **Robert E. Peary** for the North Pole Explorer and the High School that was on Arctic Ave. There are many people that attended Peary from 1962 - 1984 that have fond memories of those formative years. It would be a tribute to the explorer and the school that was dedicated in his honor to have a current legacy in Rockville.

As a Peary alumni from the Class of '76, I believe that the naming of the new street after Admiral Peary would be an appropriate honor not only for the man, but for all those who passed through the halls of the High School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Seager  
Class of 1976

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R.E. Peary Street. For the closed school but not forgotten.

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Robert E. Peary Drive

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I also vote for Robert E Peary Way. It represents adventure, exploration, and heroism.  
Regards, Mark Fye

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Name it Robert E. Peary Street in honor our old high school! :-)

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Please consider naming the street after Admiral Robert E Peary. This local Rockville school has created a strong sense of community in all of its graduates. The local community initially named the school on Arctic Avenue after the explorer. There are still many physical reminders sprinkled around the area, most notably the anchor from the ship on the front lawn of Kennedy High School and the bell tower still remains as a memorial to all of our fallen (alumni) veterans. Peary produced many outstanding athletes, business owners, and actors. When I am asked where I went to high school, my response always gets a positive response because of Peary's reputation and school spirit.

"I will find a way or make one" is the school's motto and seems to be timeless words of wisdom.

Suggestions are:

R.E. Peary Ln

Peary Way

Peary Lane

Thank you for your consideration.

Jude D. Lozupone

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**Robert E Peary Blvd**

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Name the street "PEARY St." after Robert E Peary (High School).

We don't have the high school named after him anymore, it would be great to have some way to remember our school.

Gerry Adcock

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R.E. Peary Drive

In honor of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary since Peary high school in Rockville closed in 1985.

Carol Hendrix

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As a 1981 Peary HS grad, I suggest "Peary Street" to replace the school that was taken from us.

We would finally have somewhere to meet + stay in the hotel for reunions, the Hometown Holiday, etc.

Thank you.

Leslie De La Vergne Downs

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My submission is: Robert E. Peary Way, in honor of my HS alma mater, which was closed by the county.

School motto: Find a way or make one!

Seems fitting, no?

Thanks,

Marcia Finkelstein (Peary HS class of 1978)

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I would like the new street to be named **Robert Peary Drive**

**Matt Hauprich**

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I think it should Peary Street, named after the Robert E. Peary High School that is now closed down. So many of us went to that school and it would be a nice dedication to the school.

*Dena*

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I'd like to see our beloved high school, which is no more, be commemorated. **Peary Way** is my suggestion.

Thank you,

Kathie Staska

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Name it Peary Street, Carol Cleland

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I vote for the Name to be Peary Ave, Place Etc. In honor of the Robert E. Peary High School that was closed in 1984 and is now a private school. Robert E. Peary (Explorer) is an important part of our world history and Rockville MD. Peary High School has a very dedicated following with active classes since the opening and closing of the school. The school was originally named by a six grade class from Aspen Hill Elementary.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey Jones

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As a proud graduate of the (now closed) Robert E. Peary High School in Rockville, I join other Peary alumni in requesting the name honor that school:

Admiral Peary Way, Robert E Peary Boulevard, etc.

Thank you! Terry Wilson

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I submit the name Peary St., ( for Robert E. Peary HS, after the explorer ) easy to say and will make alumni proud, as we have no real property to memorialize. Thank you. Lisa

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I support naming the new street "PEARY STREET" in honor of Robert E. Peary High School (1963-1984) and the Graduates from that school.

Douglas Tully  
Peary Class of 1984

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Please considering naming the new Street after our Alma mater in Aspen Hil, we lost our school but it would heal our hearts if you would name this street after Admiral Robert E. Peary....thank you so much.

Margie Shankle

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Thank you for the opportunity. Since we no longer have our high school it would be great to have the name of Robert E Peary Boulevard. Thank you for considering it.

Carol Hatosy

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Note: Robert E. Peary High School was not located within the City limits of Rockville.

I would like to suggest the new street in front of the Cambria be named in honor of Robert E. Peary -- Peary Place, Peary Drive, etc.

I attended Robert E. Peary High School in the 70s. Even though Peary closed in 1984, the Peary community has remained connected through reunions, facebook, and the pipe band. (The pipe band moved to Rockville High School when Peary closed and is still going strong. I was a member of the Robert E. Peary High School Pipe Band and am now an instructor for the Rockville High School Pipe Band.)

I often see Peary graduates throughout Rockville. There are a lot of us still here and I feel it would be a fitting tribute to the Peary community.

Thank you,

Marti Dillon

Existing Perry Avenue and Parkway.

## Peerless Avenue/Way/Place

I am writing in response to the following article asking input regarding the naming of a new street:

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=948>

Considering its proximity to Peerless Rockville (<http://www.peerlessrockville.org/>), I would like to suggest the name Peerless Place. A simple statement about Rockville itself.

Thank you for your consideration.- Daniel Pais

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Peerless Ave

after the Peerless Rockville organization Mary

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Greetings,  
I have a few suggestions for the name of the new street.

Fayette St., which was once in that approximate location.  
Madison St, for the same reason  
Perry Street, which was where Maryland Ave now resides.  
Peerless Way, in honor of preservation.  
Milo Rd., a tribute to the former theater.  
Sprigg St, for Thomas Sprigg Wootton  
Commerce La, which once ran approximately where East Montgomer Ave sits.  
Mullican Rd, named for the owner of property in that area.

I hope you will consider some of these names  
Cheers,  
Dean Evangelista

## Pignone Street

Dear Community Planning and Development Services,

Per the invitation to the public to “Name That Street,” as described in the notice below, I submit a proposal to name the street “**Pignone Street**” after the late Lawrence “Larry” Pignone (pronounced pin nyo nee). During his 30-year career as Director at the United Way in Montgomery County, Larry fundraised millions and promoted volunteerism and philanthropy for social services to benefit residents in the city of Rockville, and the county at large. He served as a leader in several organizations, including Crime Solvers, Rotary Club, Montgomery Alliance, the MAMSI Children’s Foundation, the Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families, Montgomery County Chapter National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Police Foundation. Larry’s handprint as a founding member is invisible, but enduring, in organizations that have had broad impact, including Leadership Montgomery, a network of 2,000 business, government and community leaders, and the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL), which supports programs enabling more than 20,000 immigrant adults to access English literacy classes. Ask any local leader, and chances are high that they will have heard of Larry.

I met Larry after his retirement but when he was still highly active with different nonprofits. I was struck by his abiding spirit to help people. Even in his private life, he provided outreach to military families, and served in various roles at St. Mary’s Catholic church, including offering bereavement services to its members. Sadly, he passed away from cancer in November 2013. Knowing that I was a relative newcomer to the workings of the county, Larry gave his time generously to share his contacts and experiences. He demonstrated wisdom and patience in the board room, and encouraged me to take on the board chair role at MCAEL. Through his gift of storytelling, I saw the landscape of local governments, businesses, nonprofits, churches, and its members and community volunteers interacting and making Rockville and Montgomery County the communities that I am proud to live within. I imagine that like me, countless other people have been mentored by Larry. Often, my family frequents Rockville Town Center. As we walk down that street, I would be happy to know that people will have occasion to share Larry’s legacy when they look up at the street sign, and see Pignone Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider honoring Larry, and his lifelong dedication and public servant spirit with this naming memorial.

Sincerely,  
(Ms.) Aryani Ong  
Former Member, President, Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) (2007-2012)  
Rockville resident (2002-present)

Could be issues related to the way this is pronounced.

## Pils Place

New name: **Pils Place**

Justification: Montgomery County is home to at least four microbreweries - Gordon Biersch (Rockville), Rock Bottom Brewery (Bethesda), Baying Hound (Rockville), and the most recent one in Silver Spring, Denizens. Surrounding counties and cities have new breweries popping up every few months, and Pils Place would be a great choice (Pils is German for Pilsner) without sounding too much like it is beer themed (Biergarten and Weizenbier were discounted by me by sounding too foreign or overtly beer themed). Probably 80% to 90% of the populace wouldn't put together the beer and Germany connection of Pils, so the name wouldn't be frowned upon by teetotalers. Also, it doesn't hurt to have Gordon Biersch located at the terminus of the street.

Rick Foote

## Pin Point Lane

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*Sandra L. Brecher*

Chief, Commuter Services Section  
Montgomery County Department of Transportation

## Randy Caruso Lane/Street/Road/Way

Please consider "Randy Caruso (La/St/Rd/Way)" for the new town center street. Randy passed last year and he was a well known special needs person who was loved by all who knew him.

Kind Regards Rich Weaver (RM class of 81)

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Randy Caruso Lane

Please honor this man that meant so much to this town! This town meant so much to him!!!!!!! Fitting tribute!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! He only had one cause! He loved his neighbor!!!!!!! Tami

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My vote:

RANDY CARUSO LANE

Re: Growing up in the Rockcrest neighborhood in the 60's and 70's, meant having Rand Caruso as our Mayor.

He always had a nice word and a smile for everyone. I never saw Randy angry or upset with anyone.

Randy was special. As children, we knew Randy was "different", but with his daily presence we grew up playing with him and accepting him for who he was. Just because he was mentally retarded did not make any difference to us. We became protective of him when bullies came around, however looking back, it was Randy who was protecting us. He taught us that everyone is special in their own way. We are all different, and if we look beyond the obvious, we were all just kids.

As Mayor of Rockcrest, a title that we gave him sometime in the 60's and Randy loved, he knew everyone. Not just at Rockcrest park, but also in the neighborhood. He made Rockcrest his responsibility. He would stop on his way to and from the park to talk with the elderly and the children. He always offered help when he saw it was needed. Always had a kind word. I know

of several elderly people who lived on Crawford that looked forward to his daily treks. Randy may have been the only one who they spoke with all day.

Randy Caruso lived a life of pure love. When his name is brought up in gatherings with family, friends or just acquaintances, everyone has their own special memory of him and will share.

Having a street named for him would make him smile! Just typing this I can vividly see Randy standing with his hands on his hips smiling. What a great memory.

Susan Hawksford Gruentzel  
Herman Hawksford  
Arlene Hawksford

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I nominate Randy Caruso. He was an integral part of Rockville starting in the 1960's until his death in August, 2014. He has a following on Facebook (You Know You Grew Up in Rockville if....) that is advocating and rallying behind this effort. Randy had an intellectual disability and my organization supported him for 30 years (I've personally known Randy since the late 1970's), however, that is not "who" Randy was. Here are some postings from the online condolences guest book. NONE mention his disability but they ALL talk about what a great person he was and how he broke down barriers without even knowing it! He was called the "Mayor of Rockcrest". There are many, many postings at the link below. I encourage you to visit it to see all the wonderful things our citizens of Rockville from the 60's- current said about him. I was born and raised in Rockville – Randy's selection would make me so proud of Rockville to recognize Randy's many accomplishments as a leader for people with disabilities and an all-around great guy.

The City of Rockville would send a message to all people with disabilities and residents of Rockville (former and current) that people with disabilities DO make a difference in the lives of people WITHOUT disabilities.

Joyce Taylor

*September 04, 2014*

When I didn't know Randy that well I was surprised to see him riding to football games with us on the bus...I think one day he just got on and that was that. But I soon learned what a gregarious and loyal Rockets fan he was. And yes you can ride with the team provided you don't know you can't--a lesson he taught me that I've never forgotten.

~

Pat Gower,

Rockville

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/washingtonpost/andy-caruso-condolences/172305569?&page=2#sthash.fUOFuymK.dpuf>

*October 02, 2014*

In my young years, I got to see the world in a different way, through my Uncle Randy's eyes. The lessons I learned from him, stay with me today. We used to ride bikes. Take long walks and talk. We hung out in Twinbrook Park, and caught crawdads in the creek. He always had a greeting and a smile for anyone he met. A smile that wouldn't quit. I am very fortunate to have these beautiful memories, and will miss him dearly. I found this poem. I felt it would be what my Uncle Randy would say to us, if he could.

Do not stand at my grave.

I am not there.

I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glint of snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,

I am the swift up-lifting rush,

of quiet birds in circling flight.

I am the soft star-lit night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there.

I do not sleep.

Anonymous-American Indian

Love your niece, Dana

~

Dana Freidin,

Valdez, Alaska

*September 30, 2014*

I first met Randy sometime in the early 70's at Rockcrest Park. To us he was known as the Mayor of Rockcrest. There was nobody quite like Randy. He had a surprising formality to his speech. When greeting you he might say "How are you my good man?" He was also the consummate gentleman. Not to mention a real lady's man. He liked the ladies and they liked him. His smile was particularly endearing. It was so big and broad, as if he couldn't contain the joy and love within him.

At some point after the partying days at Rockcrest were over, I didn't see Randy for a few years. Then we started to run into each other on the buses. It was always a joyous occasion when our paths crossed. At first I felt a little uncomfortable having extended conversations with him on the bus with everyone listening curiously. I quickly got over my self-consciousness and really enjoyed these unexpected meetings.

I have always been attracted to people who are innocent and genuine. Randy was more innocent and genuine than anyone else I have ever met. In recent years I came to the conclusion that Randy was unquestionably one of my best friends. In the last year or two before he became ill Randy would visit me

in my "office" (Twinbrook McDonald's) multiple times a week after he would get off from work. I introduced him to all of my friends at McDonald's (a few of whom he already knew) and I can assure you he had a very rich social life there. He absolutely loved hanging around with me, and of course, I loved hanging out with him. He would frequently alter his bus ride home so that he could ride 2 buses with me.

Randy was a fantastic audience for my humor. I would often push the envelope and engage in humor and comments of an "adult" nature. I think he really appreciated the fact that I treated him like a person without any disability. As far as I'm concerned, Randy was in no way disabled. He was very "special" for lack of a better word. A real gentleman who was an ambassador of love and joy.

I will miss him dearly. When I heard of his death the world seemed to be a bit sadder without him. Then I realized that he isn't gone. There is a part of Randy that is in me and will stay with me forever.

The tributes to him in this guest book say it all. I see many familiar names among the entries. I didn't realize that he had touched so many people's lives. I don't think I have ever seen a person who was more loved and appreciated. He was a real class act.

-John Caravaggio

P. S.

One of my McDonald's friends, Linda Gordon, was very saddened to hear of Randy's death and asked me to express her and her brother Franks's condolences. They have many fond memories of Randy. I believe that they attended school with him.

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John Caravaggio,

Potomac, Maryland

*September 26, 2014*

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/washingtonpost/andy-caruso-condolences/172305569#sthash.Hn7z5NX2.dpuf>

*September 14, 2014*

The honorable mayor of Rockcrest Randy Caruso. I was 10 years old when he was elected mayor. Last summer I saw Randy at a bus stop on Viers Mill rd. I pulled over and parked my car just so I could walk over and say hello to him. This should speak volumes about the kind of person Randy was as I would not do this for just anybody. When I was a child growing up in Twinbrook Randy was always there. He made friends so easily and spoke so eloquently and honestly I never heard him complain once. Randy was always there to lend a hand, share some kind words, and share his wonderful big beating heart with his friends. Randy was a genuinely good fellow who had an impenetrable invisible suit of armor that protected him from all of bad stuff that this world has to offer. The world could not program Randy and that is why he shined so brightly because he was immune to the conditioning of hatred. Randy knew only love, so he gave only love in return. This world could use a million more just like him. My heart is heavy and the world is no where near as colorful as it used to be now that I realize that he has left this Earth

forever. You have earned your wings my good fellow, go now....go now and soar with the angels. And please watch over us Mayor we are counting on you!

~

Kenny Barrett,

West Virginia

Contact Me

*September 14, 2014*

Randy you were my Hero at Rockcrest Park when I was a Kid. You made so many people smile and you were Loved by many and Loved still today by even more I will miss you my friend RIP Randy

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Robert Wooden,

Gaithersburg, Maryland

Contact Me

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*September 08, 2014*

What a sad evening!!Just found the obit and was shocked to hear the news. Randy was unique and full of so much love and bigger than life--always!!As so many have written, he was a huge part of our youths and one of the great treasures that Rockville ever had the privilege to claim. May you give it to them in Heaven!1 I can just see him cheering on all the new people coming through the pearly gates!!God bless your family and know that you were given such a lovely, loving unique brother.

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Shari VanHouten,

Chesapeake, Virginia

Contact Me

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*September 05, 2014*

I just found out heaven has a new Mayor.I had the biggest gift of living around the corner from Randy for over 25 years.When I was sad he made me laugh,when I was mad he made me laugh, when I got into trouble as a kid he would always come to my aid and never rat us out.I had the privilege of giving the

Mayor of Twinbrook a ride in the summer of 2013. I saw him at the bus stop at Edmonston Dr and Veirsmill Rd I pulled up at the bus stop and got out and said Mayor your ride is here. While traffic was waiting I opened the door and he said it's grand to see you old friend he got in and everyone at the stop was puzzled. I turned and told them they had been sitting with the most important man in Twinbrook our Mayor. Randy touched more lives than anyone will ever know I will always remember you Randy and I know you will be there to greet me when I get to Heaven. To Randy's parents thank you for the gift you gave the world my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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Eddie Baggott,

Rockville, Maryland

Contact Me

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Hi,

I vote that the new street name in Rockville be named after Randy Caruso. I had the pleasure of working with Randy for 6 years. He was born and raised in Rockville Maryland, and held the unofficial title of "mayor". He loved his family and was true to his community in every sense. He supported his home team sports. He loved old western movies, visiting the museums, and had a real love of history, especially Native Americans. He was up on local and foreign news and was happy to speak his mind. I enjoyed our conversations. Randy was kind and respectful of others but when it came to his life and decisions, it had to be "his way. Life according to Randy. We can all learn from it. I would love to see his name in print on a green sign to give myself a moment to think of Randy and SMILE!!!

Maria Dudish

Assistant Director, Family & Community Services

**The Arc Montgomery County**

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Randy Caruso lane. The Mayor of Rockville, as he was lovingly nicknamed. – Dewey Serls

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I would love to see Randy Caruso as a name or my father Ronald Dunn. Randy was a wonderful member of our community. And known by many.

My father Ronald Dunn was also a volunteer in the city of Rockville for many many years. He coached for at least 30 years in RBBA, RFL and city of Rockville Basketball program. He loved Rockville and loved teaching and helping kids!!

Thanks for your considerations!!!

Rebecca D McCasland

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I nominate Randy Caruso. He was an integral part of Rockville starting in the 1960's until his death in August, 2014. He has a following on Facebook (You Know You Grew Up in Rockville if....) that is advocating and rallying behind this effort. Randy had an intellectual disability and the organization I have worked for 24+ years (The Arc Montgomery County) supported him for 30 years. I've personally known Randy since the late 1970's as he walked through my neighborhood and always welcomed everyone with a "big smile and joyous hello". Randy did not let his disability stand in his way of making tons of friends, moving about his community, helping anyone who needed it and most of all breaking down barriers for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by just being "Randy". He was called the "Mayor of Rockville" by those of us who lived there. I was born and raised in Rockville and my parents still live in the Twinbrook house that raised 8 children all of whom know of Randy! Randy's selection would make me so proud of Rockville to recognize Randy's many accomplishments as a leader for people with disabilities and an all-around great guy.

The City of Rockville would send a message to all people with disabilities and residents of Rockville (former and current) that people with disabilities DO make a difference in the lives of people WITHOUT disabilities.

I proudly nominate Randy Caruso and feel lucky to have known him for so many years!

Chrissy Shawver  
Raised in Twinbrook

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I am nominating randy for the street name.  
Thank you  
Abby Bensimhon

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I would like to suggest "Randy Caruso Way" for the name of the new street in Rockville. I lived in Rockville from 1961 to 1984 and graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in 1979. I first met Randy at Rockcrest Park when I was in Junior High School. He would be walking his dog "Pepper" or riding his bike "Silver" or just be walking around Twinbrook. Randy was special. He always had a smile on his face and was ready to brighten your day. He recited Shakespeare and helped me when I had to read Shakespeare in High School. He attended the football games at Richard Montgomery and was a proud "Rocket" fan. You never knew where you would find Randy, at the Polls on Election day at Lone Oak Elementary School, at Dogwood Park, Rockcrest Park, Congressional Plaza. Once Randy met you, he would not forget you and

you would not forget him. If you did not know Randy or have any doubt about the positive impact he made in Rockville, please read more about "The Mayor of Twinbrook" at <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/washingtonpost/andy-caruso-condolences/172305569>. I look forward to driving down "Randy Caruso Way" in Rockville.

Thank you, Cathy Scott

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I vote for Randy Caruso's name to be a street name.

Thanks, David Dudish, Jr.

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I nominate Randy Caruso for the new Rockville street name. He was an integral part of Rockville starting in the 1960's until his death in August, 2014. He has a following on Facebook (You Know You Grew Up in Rockville if....) that is advocating and rallying behind this effort. Randy had an intellectual disability and I support the organization that supported him (The Arc Montgomery County) for 30 years (I've personally known Randy and how proud he was to be a resident of Rockville. Those who speak fondly of Randy never mention his disability but they ALL talk about what a great person he was and how he broke down barriers without even knowing it! He was called the "Mayor of Rockcrest". Randy's selection would make me so proud of Rockville to recognize Randy's many accomplishments as a leader for people with disabilities and an all-around great guy that showed great pride in the city of Rockville.

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Sincerely, David Dudish, Sr.

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I would suggest Randy Caruso Drive as it would be very appropriate thanks, Chris Pearce

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I vote the street should be named after Randy Carouso

Thank you  
Sue Tibbs

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Please name the Rockville street after Randy Caruso.

Thank you,  
Wendy Kaufman

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I have lived in Rockville all of my life except for 10 years. I started out in Twinbrook during the 1960s. I am sure you have received nominations for this person and I am adding my vote:

Randy Caruso

He was a very special person to so many of us local yocals.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on my cell - 301-233-2525.

thank you and take care

Cathy Berard Lambert

Lambert Family of Rockville, MD 20850

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I propose the street be named after Randy Caruso who was known as the  
(unofficial )Mayor of Rockville.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mary Metzger

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I support the nomination of Randy Caruso!  
Every "mayor" deserves a street named after him/her.

Debbie Brynes  
Mark Lane  
Rockville

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**Randy Caruso Lane**

**He was the "mayor" and a very well known man around these parts. Just genuine.**

Thank you. LeeAnn Serls

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Please accept my suggestion for the "Name That Street" project.

Randy Caruso Lane

I hope you have received many emails with this suggestion.

I was raised in Rockville and returned to the area after my time in the Army. My wife has a similar history, and both of our children graduated from Richard Montgomery High School. I served on the Rockville Football League as Pee Wee Football Commissioner for a number of years. Rockville has always been a special city for a number of reasons, and that's what makes Randy Caruso's story particularly moving.

I, and many people from Rockville, have a special place in our hearts for Randy. For as long as I can remember Randy would be everywhere. Randy could be found at The Rockville Mall, football games, throughout local neighborhoods, and nearly everywhere in Rockville. He was kind, gregarious, and always had some advice or a story to tell. He enthusiastically greeted everyone with a warm smile and a formal "Sir" or "Madam". Randy was a character that one just expected to be at whatever event was taking place. He made his way around, at first, on his trusty bike named, "Silver", and later by knowing every bus route.

What makes Randy's story remarkable is that he had "Williams Syndrome" which has some specific physical, developmental, and social, characteristics. The early 70's were not a time where social acceptance of people with challenges were the norm. Despite his obvious challenges Randy was able to make people look deeper due to his outgoing personality and insightful conversations he could have on certain topics. Randy gave the impression that he was delightfully unaware of his limitations, and you should be too. I believe that Randy taught many Rockville youths, and adults, to see past the obvious limitations and find the true person within. I know I'm a better person for having known him, and I believe that's true for many people in Rockville.

I have received many comments and universal support for the idea of naming this small street, right in the middle of Town Center after Randy. There couldn't be a more fitting location, and hopefully the opportunity for newer Rockville residents to learn about Randy.

Facebook link to one of several threads:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RockvilleMd/#>

Bob Caruso's (Randy's brother) touching post after Randy's death:

[https://www.facebook.com/1678097851/posts/10201903244137576/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/1678097851/posts/10201903244137576/?hc_location=ufi)

I've also attached a picture of Randy at one of my school dances.

Thank you for considering this suggestion, as I believe it represents the best of Rockville. It also recognizes one of the seemingly ordinary people who had a tremendous impact on many people simply by being himself. Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

Best, Joe Ortuzar

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Randy Caruso Lane

Best,  
Doug Larson

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I vote for "Randy Caruso Lane". Grace Crown

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I think Randy Caruso Lane would be perfect! I'm sure you've gotten the full history on why that name would be an excellent choice! I graduated in 1981 from RMHS and his legacy is legend!!! Jennifer Wilhelm

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I would like to add my support of the name Randy Caruso Lane to "Name That Street". I'm a Rockville native and current resident and remember Randy very well. He was a Rockville institution! It wouldn't have been a Richard Montgomery game without Randy there. :)

Thanks so much for your consideration,  
Virginia Strumpf

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I would like to suggest the street be called Randy Caruso Lane in honor of a wonderful person who touched countless lives during his life. I can't think of a person who better exemplifies all that is good about our community.

Susan H. Snively

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Randy Caruso Lane

Sandy LaFever

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Good morning – I was recently made aware of an opportunity to submit a name suggestion for a new street in the Rockville Town Center, and I understand that there's a movement to name it Randy Caruso Lane.

As soon as I heard of the opportunity and Randy's name I thought: is that the Randy I know from Richard Montgomery High, back in the 80's? The Randy who attended every single home football game, and was

on the field at every summer Special Olympics track and field day? I asked around and yes, that's the Randy who we all knew and loved even if we didn't know his last name.

Randy had a heart of pure gold – always joyous, always friendly, always putting smiles on the faces of others. We all saw him at the football games all the time. He would walk the sidelines, join in with the cheerleaders, bring the stadium to its feet cheering on the Rockets (and perhaps unknown to him, cheering on Randy himself).

Those high school years of working at Special Olympics with my Girl Scout Troop, Randy was always there. Somehow I think he was a participant in those track and field events, but to me he was an Ambassador. He walked the field, greeted everyone, tipped his baseball cap to everyone. Ensured that they were all having a good time. Did he have a participant number on his back? I honestly don't know. He was everyone's biggest cheerleader.

Did we think that dreaded "R" word? Not a single one of us thought "retarded". We knew that he had his unique challenges. We also knew that we could depend on Randy to lift our spirits, be a friendly face, greet us warmly, and ensure that we were having a great time.

Randy Caruso Lane.....has a really great ring to it, and having his name there would make us smile over and over again.

Thanks for your consideration!

Jeanne Lay

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I suggest the new road be called Randy Caruso Lane   SFarmerBunker

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I am writing in response to your "Name That Street" campaign. My suggestion is:

Randy Caruso Lane

I am one of the many people who grew up in Rockville and blessed to have known this very special person. Randy was funny, endearing, thoughtful, insightful – and Randy was different. Randy had "Williams Syndrome" which is characterized by certain physical and behavioral attributes. All we knew was that Randy was friendly to everyone, he could make us laugh, he loved his bicycle ("Silver"), and he was EVERYWHERE. Randy attended football games, school dances, ceremonies and local celebrations – I even remember my parents often telling me that Randy regularly attended PTA meetings and often provided thoughtful suggestions to consider. Any function just wasn't complete if Randy wasn't there.

Though Randy is not a famous elected official, he was the self-proclaimed "Mayor of Twinbrook" – and he was instantly loved by all who encountered this gregarious and cheerful person. Randy was a friend, a teacher, a comedian, a gentle spirit. I am a better person for having known him. I would like to take this opportunity to honor Randy Caruso. He is a local hero who certainly changed many, many lives.

Thank you for considering Randy Caruso Lane in your "Name That Street" campaign!

Kindest Regards,  
Liz Ortuzar

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I propose we name the street Randy Caruso Lane. Whistlindixiel38

## Randy Dunn

I would love to see Randy Caruso as a name or my father Ronald Dunn. Randy was a wonderful member of our community. And known by many.

My father Ronald Dunn was also a volunteer in the city of Rockville for many many years. He coached for at least 30 years in RBBA, RFL and city of Rockville Basketball program. He loved Rockville and loved teaching and helping kids!!

Thanks for your considerations!!!

Rebecca D McCasland

## Regal Road

Here are a couple of suggestions for street names:

1. West Pike Place
2. Regal Road
3. Moco Way

Jill Flax

## Regal Roc Road or Regal Rock Road

Good morning,

Below are my submissions to Name That Street:

Regal Roc Road or Regal Rock Road.

COR Drive.

COR Park Way.

Patricia Rowe

Existing Regal Oak Drive and Regalwood Terrace.

## Revolutionary Road

I say it should be Revolutionary Road. Its a part of Rockville's history. Named to to reference the existence during the Revolutionary times.

Give it a piece of history.

Esther E. Duque

## Ricketts

Dear city of Rockville, MD official,

My name is Jonathan Miller, and I would like to place my suggestion for the new street name by Rockville town center. The name that I would like to suggest is Ricketts. I am a decedent of the Ricketts family. The Ricketts family owned a large plot of land that dated back to the 1800's in Rockville. This plot is across from the shady grove metro station where derwood bible church is located at. From what information that I can gather, this land spanned from the intersection of Indianola Dr andCrabbs Branch Way, from the intersection of Indianola and 355 to the intersection of Redland Rd. and 355, to the intersection of Redland Rd and Crabbs Branch Way. This land was taken away from them due to my great great grandfather's inability to read. The only land that was left to them was a cemetery, that is currently behind Derwood Bible Church. Thank you for the possible consideration.

Jonathan Miller

Note: [Area referenced is in Derwood.](#)

## Rock Center Lane

I understand from an article I read that you are seeking a name for the one block street connecting E. Montgomery with E. Middle Lane – by the new Cambria Suites Hotel.  
I have the following suggestions:

Choice Crossing – to reflect & honor the fact that Choice Hotels has made the City of Rockville its headquarters & flagship hotel site.

Others (Way, Terrace, Crossing or Lane etc. could be used with any of these – just not Street, Avenue or Drive please):

City Center Lane

Rock Center Lane  
Center Point Lane  
City Crossing Lane  
Pin Point Lane  
Half Street (ok to use Street for this)  
Little Lane  
Center Square Lane

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute these suggestions.  
Will look forward to the final decision.

*Sandra L. Brecher*

Chief, Commuter Services Section  
Montgomery County Department of Transportation

## Rockville Heart Street

Rockville Heart street. or Unique Street.

Akiko Keene

## Rocktown Road

Rocktown Road Russell Rubin

## Roy Passin Way

Roy Passin Way, Tim Parris

Note: Owner of Roy's Place. It was originally located in the old Corcoran Hotel. In the late 1950s the restaurant was moved across W. Montgomery Avenue after the hotel burned. In 1970, the establishment moved to Gaithersburg as a result of Rockville's urban renewal redevelopment project. g

## Sidney Randolph

I suggest that the new street be named "**Sidney Randolph**" in honor and in memory of Sidney Randolph who was lynched from the Rockville jail.

John Rentz

## Spike Jonz's Way

I posted the request on Facebook.  
Two people already responded.

Spike Jonz's Way (different)  
Theater Ave (Probably already taken)

Will send more when I see them.

Brigitta Mullican

## Steve Jobs Parkway

Name the street after Steve Jobs

Steve Jobs parkway or way. He was quite possibly one of the most significant people of our time.

## Stepanek

I suggest the new street be named Stepanek after Mattie and Jennie Stepanek. It would be a nice tribute to one of our famous residents.

Thanks,  
Katie Vogel

Note: Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park is located in the King Farm development.

## Terrapin

## Theater Avenue

I posted the request on Facebook.  
Two people already responded.



Spike Jonz's Way (different)  
Theater Ave (Probably already taken)

Will send more when I see them.

Brigitta Mullican

## Three Creeks

Hi. Here's some ideas for the new street name needed in Rockville Town Center.

#1&2:

Since Pinneberg, Germany is the sister city of Rockville, here's two names both intended to mean "rock & ville/village" in German.

Felsdorf Lane/Rd/St, etc.  
Gesteindorf Lane/Rd/St, etc.

#3: Three Creek Lane/Rd/St, etc.

Explanation from the Rockville Wikipedia page...Situated in the Piedmont region and crossed by three creeks (Rock Creek, Cabin John Creek, and Watts Branch).

Terri Ziskind

## Tricreek Road/Street

I think it's so cool that you're doing this. I promised my 5 year old I would submit his, and added a few others to boot ; )

1. Electric Car St/Dr
2. Electric St. (future oriented, hopefully we're stay ahead of the curve on being green.
3. Gibby Rd/St. (being like Gibb - the other street we have; or Gibbish if you like in case it's too close)
4. Tricreek Rd/St (since we are located between 3 major creeks)

Good luck and thanks for considering these.

Best,

Shahab Kaviani

## Tubman Way

My suggestion for a name for the new street being built in Rockville Town Center is Tubman Way.

This would be a way to honor the Maryland-born slave Harriett Tubman who became an activist and helped others lead fuller lives.

Stephen Williams

## Unique Street

Rockville Heart street. or Unique Street.

Akiko Keene

## Urban Lane

As a nod to Rockville's growth as an urban destination.

## Vision Walk or Vision Walk Way

Hello-

I propose the new street be named "Vision Walk" or "Vision Walk Way"  
The street - which links the 'old' Rockville strip of the Regal Cinema and restaurants, passes by the new hotel and proceeds to Rockville Town Square. The street not only connects the old and the new, but it fulfills the vision of a transformed downtown Rockville. As I believe that this stretch should and will be heavily pedestrian, I added "walk" I prefer the name "Vision Walk" because feel it conveys a significance to the small avenue, however, if "walk" is too confusing because it will be open to vehicle traffic, then "Vision Walk Way" will suffice.

My second choice for street name is "Fulton Drive" because I am shameless.

Thanks  
Eric Fulton

## Vitality Way

Greetings!

I would like to suggest Vitality Way (or Lane) for the new Rockville Street in Town Center, in front of Cambria Suites for the following reasons:

1. To reflect the vitality of Town Center
2. Creates a positive affirmation of our City
3. Vitality (definition) is the state of being strong and active; energy.
4. Synonyms for Vitality include life, energy, spirit, vivacity, vim, pep, zest, sparkle, dynamism, passion, fire, vigor, punch, get-up-and-go - all words that describe what we want in Town Center!

And I have not been able to find a Vitality Way or Lane in Montgomery County.

Cheers!

Kathleen Conway

## Way Out Way/Way Out Lane

WAY OUT WAY.....is my suggestion. I already gave this name to the City by phone yesterday when I inquired whether the new street would be one way or two way. However, I believe I said "Way Out Lane."

I like the use of "Way Out" because currently driving in that area of downtown is very confusing .... very difficult to get where you want to go . And of course there is the double entendre for the term "way out"!

You could also use the acronym "WOW" on maps etc.  
Smallwood Road. Phone 301 279-0575

Ruth Spector, 613

## Wilma Bell

## Winning Way

"Winning Way" is my selfish suggestion. :-) My grandparents, Richard O. Winning and Helen Winning, moved to the house at 301 Park Road (corner of Park Rd and N. Grandin Ave.) in the early 40s with their 6 kids from Wisconsin to make a better life for them. (My Dad was Robert R. Winning, my Uncle Neal had Spina Bifida from when he was born. He was in a wheelchair

his whole life and lived to 56. He was a Rockville legend...working for Goodwill, wheeling his wheelchair up to W INX radio station frequently to guest speak on Jerry Gray's show. Everyone around town knew of Uncle Neal. My Dad went with him sometimes to speak too. I was born and lived my first 24 years in Rockville, went to Robert E. Peary HS before they closed. My grandmother Winning lived into her nineties living in that house. She took care of my Uncle Neal's needs till he passed away at 56. (Unheard of for Spina Bifida) Lastly. I worked in Rockville and was walking to the Rockville Metro to head home and was crossing Rockville Pike 1/11/13. A SUV driver was doing a right turn didnt look carefilly (where I was in the crosswalk with a white go signal) He struck me, dragged me under his truck for 8 feet, ran over my right leg then pinned both legs under his front tire. I had 3 breaks in my hips, leg broken in 2 places, broken tailbone and foot long road burn on my leg. My point is that I really believe my Winning Grandparents were watching over me that day and saved me from dying. So "Winning Way" sounds perfect to me. :-)) and it's a great name anyways. Thanks for your consideration. Kimberly Winning 240-277-9179.

## Zelda Lane

I think naming the street Zelda Lane would be appropriate because she is buried in Rockville.

Thank you  
Nicole Lebby

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Zelda or Fitzgerald      Eileen Marston

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For the new street in Rockville Town Center, in front of the new Cambria Hotel & Suites, I suggest either of the following names - Fitzgerald Way or Zelda Street. The suggested names refer to F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, respectively. Both are buried at nearby St. Mary's cemetery.  
Trudy Orgel